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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents:

The Office Action of April 9, 2003 requires election of a specific 3-methyl-1-alkene-ol compound or a specific 3-methyl-1-alkynol compound and to list all claims readable thereon. In response to this requirement Applicants elect the species linalool. The claims readable thereon are claims 1 to 5 and 7 to 15.

The Action further states that Applicants are required to elect "a specifically named or completely defined waxy medium". In this regard, there are no claims to any species of "waxy medium", only generic claims to a "waxy medium". Furthermore, Applicants do not intend to present any claims to any species of "waxy medium" since, in the context of



the present invention, there is not a patentable distinctness between one species of waxy medium of the inventive compositions and another species of waxy medium of the inventive compositions.

It is respectfully submitted that the foregoing is a full and complete response to the Office Action and that all the claims are allowable. An early indication of their allowability by issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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